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*The House will meet at 2:00 p.m. for Legislative Business.
(No votes expected before 6:00 p.m.)*

Anticipated Floor Action:

H.J.Res. 7—Recognizing the 90th Birthday of Ronald Reagan
H.R. — Designating the Ronald Reagan Post Office
H.Res. — Honoring the Contributions of Catholic Schools



Bills to be Considered Under Suspension of the Rules:

Floor Situation: The House is scheduled to consider three bills under suspension of the rules. Each bill is debatable for 40 minutes, may not be amended, and require a two-thirds majority vote for passage.

H. J. Res. 7 expresses the sense that Congress extends birthday greetings and best wishes to Ronald Reagan on his 90th birthday.

Ronald Reagan and his wife Nancy Reagan have distinguished records of public service to the United States, the American People, and the international community. He was twice elected by overwhelming margins as President of the United States. He fulfilled his pledge to help restore “the great, confident roar of American progress, growth, and optimism” and ensure renewed economic prosperity.

His leadership was instrumental in extending freedom and democracy around the globe and uniting a world divided by the Cold War. In addition, Ronald Reagan is loved and admired by millions of Americans, and by countless others around the world. His eloquence united Americans in times of triumph and tragedy. Nancy Reagan not only served graciously as First Lady, but she also led an important national crusade against illegal drug use.

Together, Ronald and Nancy Reagan dedicated their lives to promoting national pride and to bettering the quality of life in the United States and throughout the world. The thoughts and prayers of the Congress, and the country, are with Ronald Reagan in his courageous battle with Alzheimer's disease. This joint resolution was introduced on January 31, 2001 by Mr. Cox and was not considered by committee.

H.R. ____ designates the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2305 Minton Road in West Melbourne, Florida, as the 'Ronald W. Reagan Post Office of West Melbourne, Florida'. On February 6, 1911, Ronald Wilson Reagan was born to Nelle and John Reagan in Tampico, Illinois. He attended high school in nearby Dixon and then worked his way through Eureka College. There, he studied economics and sociology, played football, and acted in school plays. Upon graduation, he became a radio sports announcer. A screen test in 1937 won him a contract in Hollywood where he went on to appear in 53 films. From his first marriage, he has two children, Maureen and Michael. In 1952 he married Nancy Davis, also an actress; their children are Patricia Ann and Ronald Prescott. After his movie career, Mr. Reagan was a television host and articulate spokesman for conservatism. In 1966 he was elected Governor of California by a margin of a million votes and re-elected in 1970. Ronald Reagan won the Republican Presidential nomination in 1980 and was elected overwhelmingly that year as the 40th President of the United States. He again won re-election in 1984 by another wide margin. President Reagan oversaw the downfall of the Soviet Union and supported anti-communist insurgencies in Central America, Asia and Africa. H.R. ____ will be introduced by Mr. Dave Weldon on February 6, 2001.

H.Res. ____ states that Congress supports the goals of Catholic Schools Week, an event sponsored by the National Catholic Educational Association and the U.S. Catholic Conference, and congratulates Catholic schools, students, parents, and teachers for their contributions to education. Catholic schools teach a diverse group of students, 24 percent of whom are minorities. Moreover, only three percent of Catholic high school students drop out of school and 83 percent go on to attend college. Finally, the resolution states that, by providing an intellectually stimulating environment rich in moral guidance, Catholic schools produce students and, ultimately, citizens who are strongly dedicated to their faith and communities. H.Res. ____ will be introduced by Mr. Schaffer and was not considered by a House committee.



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